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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC PRESIDENT  
BOKASSA

REF: STATE 165604

1. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE  
DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT: QUOTE:

YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,  
MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE  
OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES RE-  
DEDICATES-ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED O THE PRINCIPLOS OF  
LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH  
THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN

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OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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